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COUNCIL AND THE ARAB AUTHORITY FOR AGRICULTURAL  
INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (AAAID)

REF: KUWAIT 1517

1. SUDANESE DELEGATES TO THE ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY ORGANIZATION  
AND AAAID MEETING RECENTLY HELD IN KUWAIT CONFIRM REFTEL'S  
CONCLUSION THAT POLITICAL DISPUTES WERE AVOIDED AS A  
RESULT OF AGREEMENT WHEREBY IRAQI WAS ELECTED TO HEAD  
ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY ORGANIZATION AND EGYPTIAN WAS  
ELECTED AS CHIEF AAAID.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
AAAID WOULD HAVE ELECTED KHALED TAHSIN ALI AAAID CHIEF  
IF IRAQ HAD INSISTED. HOWEVER, IRAQ WITHDREW SUPPORT  
OF ITS AAAID CANDIDATE WHEN OFFERED ECONOMIC UNITY POST.

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IRAQ ATTACHES MORE INTEREST TO LATTER BECAUSE IT IS  
MORE POLITICAL. IMPORTANT FACTOR WHICH LED TO CHOICE  
OF FORMER EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OSMAN BADRAN  
WAS SAUDI ARABIAN OPPOSITION TO IRAQI CANDIDATE.  
ALTHOUGH KHALED TAHSIN ALI CLEARLY HAS LONG BEEN DIS-  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT IRAQI POLITICS, SAUDIS  
APPEAR NERVOUS ABOUT HAVING IRAQI LEAD ORGANIZATION TO

WHICH THEY ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. SECOND STRIKE AGAINST KHALED TAHSIN ALI IN SAUDI EYES MAY HAVE BEEN THAT CANDIDACY WAS PROPOSED BY KUWAIT'S MINISTER OF FINANCE WHICH AROUSED REPORTED CONTINUING RIVALRY BETWEEN THEIR MINISTERS OF FINANCE. SUDANESE SUSPECT THAT LAST MINUTE EGYPTIAN CANDIDACY OF SAYED MAREI AT EARLIER MEETING MAY HAVE BEEN SAUDI ARRANGED PLOY TO BLOCK DECISION IN ORDER TO LATER FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE.

3. SUDANESE ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTLOOK FOR EARLY OPERATION OF AAAID THAN REPORTED BY KUWAIT. DR. BADRAN IS EXPECTED TO BE IN KHARTOUM BY APRIL 1 WHEN FIRST TALKS WILL BE HELD TO EVALUATE ARAB FUND PREPARED SUGGESTED STAFFING PATTERN OF AAAID. SMALL OFFICE HAS BEEN ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN KHARTOUM WHICH IS SUITABLE FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS OF INITIAL OPERATIONS. AAAID BOARD IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN KUWAIT IN APRIL. THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS "UNDERSTANDING" WHEREBY ARAB FUND AND KUWAIT FUNDS WILL SECURE SOME STAFF TO AAAID SO IT CAN QUICKLY ESTABLISH OPERATIONS. SUDANESE ARE HOPEFUL PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF 8-10 MEMBERS WILL BE IN KHARTOUM BY SEPT-OCT.

3. AAAID DIRECTORS PREVIOUSLY HAVE DISCUSSED MEASURES TO GET SOME PROJECT ACTIVITY MOVING QUICKLY. ARAB FUND HAS BEEN ASKED TO SELECT SEVERAL PROJECTS FROM 62 PROJECT AAAID PROGRAM  
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FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION. HOPEFULLY, ONE OF THESE PROJECTS MIGHT BE READY BY EARLY 1979.

4. NON-SELECTION OF KHALED TAHSIN ALI IS SET-BACK AND WILL DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF AAAID PROGRAM. SUDAN IS SEEKING TO INVOLVE HIM IN ORGANIZATION, BUT PRESTIGE FACTORS MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT LESSER POST. SEVERAL SUDANESE OFFICIALS HOPE THAT HE CAN BE PERSUADED, AT LEAST, TO DO SOME CONSULTING.  
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